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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants, through their undersigned representative, are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of documents cited therein. These cited documents are also being listed in the form equivalent to Form PTO-1449, attached hereto. (The communication is an Office Action of a counterpart Japanese application and a copy of the English language translation is also being submitted herewith.) Also enclosed is a copy of JP3-229955 along with a U.S. Patent counterpart thereof.

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In accordance with the requirements under 37 CFR
§ 1.97(c), the following statement as specified in 37 CFR
§ 1.97(e)(1), is being made:

Upon information and belief, the undersigned submits that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this IDS.

To the extent that any of the listed documents in the attached equivalent form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) for concise explanation of the relevance thereof, is satisfied by: the submission of an English language translation of the Office Action directed thereto of the counterpart priority Japanese application, the submission of an English language translation of JP 2-310786 and a U.S. counterpart of JP3-229955, and submission of English language translation (description) of portions of remaining ones of the listed documents.

It is submitted, this IDS is in compliance with the rules of practice as well as USPTO guidelines. Therefore, Applicants respectfully requested that it be entered and duly considered by the USPTO. Acknowledgment of entry as well as of the formal consideration thereof, by the Examiner, is respectfully requested, furthermore.

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